



2025 Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club

“Spring Racing Series”

March 16 thru May 25, 2025

Version 2/24/25

DINGHY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

Organizing Authority (OA): Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club
30 Yacht Club Drive, Beaufort, SC

1	RULES
1.1	The event is governed by the rules as defined in <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing</i> .
1.2	Life jacket and shoes are required for each sailor and coach boat crew member. Juniors (17 and under) are required to wear US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices from the time they leave the dock until they return, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. All other competitors shall comply with RRS 40.
2	CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2.1	Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 60 minutes before the warning for the first race that day. The race committee may announce changes to the sailing instructions on the water before the warning signal for each race, orally or by posting changes on the race committee board. In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
3	COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS
3.1	Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the clubhouse riverside porch.
4	SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
4.1	Signals made ashore will be displayed on the BYSC flagpole. When flag AP (postponement) is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the AP signal is lowered.

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<p>Register online at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29399. The warning signal for the first race on Sundays will be at 2:00pm for dinghies.</p> <p>Additional races to follow.</p>																																																																																																			
5.2	On May 25th, all sailors are encouraged (but not required) to wear a costume of sorts for racing. This costume must not prevent the sailor from sailing and operating safely while on the water.																																																																																																		

5.3	All competitors are required to check in with the Signal Boat prior to the first warning signal of the day.
5.4	No warning signal will be made after 1630.
6	CLASS FLAGS
6.1	Class flags will be the official class flags of each fleet. Substitute pennants may be used as necessary.
7	RACING AREA
7.1	As outlined in the NOR.
8	THE COURSES
8.1	The dinghy courses to be sailed are shown on Attachment A. Course to be sailed for each class will be posted on the signal boat prior to that class's warning signal. All marks, except gates, will be left to port. An offset mark may be used at the windward mark and a gate may be used at the leeward mark.
9	MARKS
9.1	Course marks will be <i>orange</i> balls. An upwind offset mark, if used, will be a <i>white</i> ball. The upwind mark for the O'Pen Skiff/Optimist class will be a <i>yellow</i> ball. A gate at the leeward mark, if used, will be two (2) <i>orange</i> balls.
10	OBSTRUCTION
10.1	ICW channel marker #242 shall not be passed on the shoreward side due to underwater pilings.
11	THE START
11.1	An <i>orange</i> flag (start line flag) will be displayed (with a long sound) on the signal boat approximately 30 minutes before the warning for the first race.
11.2	Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. A series of short horn sounds will precede the first warning signal. Rolling starts will be used for the first race of the day. Subsequent starts may or may not be rolled.

11.3	The starting line will be between a staff displaying an <i>orange</i> flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying an <i>orange</i> flag on the start mark.
11.4	Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting and finishing area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting line will be closed except when starting.
11.5	The predicted order of start is: MC Scow, Laser (ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7), 420, Sunfish, O'Pen Skiff, Optimist. The Race Committee reserves the right to combine classes if a three boat minimum per class is not met or to reduce the number of starts.
12	THE FINISH
12.1	The finishing line will be between a staff with a <i>blue</i> flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying a <i>blue</i> flag on the finish mark.
12.2	The finish line will be closed except when finishing. Boats sailing through the finish line while not finishing will be scored DSQ without a hearing, unless they correct the error as outlined in RRS 28-2. This changes rule A-5.
13	PENALTY SYSTEM
13.1	RRS Rule 44.3 does not apply.
14	TIME LIMITS
14.1	The time limit for the first boat in a race to sail the course and finish is 40 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rule 35.
15	PROTESTS
15.1	Any boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing, but in no case more than 15 minutes after finishing, stating the sail number of the protested boat.
16	SCORING
16.1	Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series for each class.

16.2	RRS Rule A5.3 shall apply. “Coming to the starting area” means sailing to the area of the starting line.
16.3	<p>When a sailboat cannot complete a race within the specified time limit mentioned in section 14.1 of these Sailing Instructions (SI) for that particular race, it will be marked as DNF (Did Not Finish). It will receive a score of <i>one</i> more than the number of boats that <i>finished</i> the race. Similarly, all boats that are scored as DNS (Did Not Start), DSQ (Disqualified), OCS (On the Course Side), and NSC (Not Sailed the Course) are also subject to the same score.</p> <p>This changes the first sentence of Rule A5.2 to "one more than the number of boats <i>finishing</i> the race." It does not affect Rule A2.2.</p> <p>Boats that receive DNC "Did not start, did not come to the starting area” will be awarded two points more than the number of boats that started and <i>finished</i> the race. This rule modifies Rule A5.2.</p> <p>If for whatever reason a registered sailor acts as crew on another boat in the same class to which that sailor is registered, that crew member will receive a score two points more than that of the skipper of the boat to which the sailor acts as crew. In no case shall the crew member be scored points equal to or higher than those awarded to boats that did not finish the race.</p>
16.4	For dinghies the Rule A4 Low Point System will apply less excludable scores as described here. Throw outs for races completed: none if fewer than 6 races; starting at 6 races there will be one throw out per 3 races. This modifies rule A2.
17	RISK STATEMENT
17.1	RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

17.2	Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.						
18	PRIZES						
18.1	Prizes will be awarded based on the number of boats of each class sailing 50% or more of the races, as follows: 1st place for two boats; 1st & 2nd places for four boats; 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for 5 or more boats.						
19	RADIO SAFETY. All Race Committee, Coaches and Spectators are required to have a working VHF radio on board and to monitor VHF Chanel 69 during the Series.						
20	FURTHER INFORMATION						
20.1	<p>For further information contact:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 976 1402 1283"> <tr> <td data-bbox="325 976 860 1106">Jeff Gephart – Fleet Captain jeff.gephart88@gmail.com</td> <td data-bbox="865 976 1398 1106">Frank Pontious – RC Chairman fponti@islc.net</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="325 1113 860 1243">BYSC gm@byscnet.com 843.522.8216</td> <td data-bbox="865 1113 1398 1243">Noah Kipar – Sailing Director sailingdirector@beaufortsailing.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="325 1249 860 1283"></td> <td data-bbox="865 1249 1398 1283"></td> </tr> </table>	Jeff Gephart – Fleet Captain jeff.gephart88@gmail.com	Frank Pontious – RC Chairman fponti@islc.net	BYSC gm@byscnet.com 843.522.8216	Noah Kipar – Sailing Director sailingdirector@beaufortsailing.com		
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Course Diagrams – Attachment A

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Actual angles and lengths between marks will vary depending on available racing area, wind and currents.
Course designators show number of legs to be sailed.

<p style="text-align: center;">Windward Leeward – Downwind Finish</p> <p>WLD-4 S-1-3-1-F WLD-6 S-1-3-1-3-1-F WLD-8 S-1-3-1-3-1-3-1-F</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Windward Leeward – Downwind Hook Finish</p> <p>WLDH-3 S-1-2-F WLDH-5 S-1-2-1-2-F WLDH-7 S-1-2-1-2-1-2-F</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Triangle – Downwind Finish</p> <p>TD-5 S-1-2-3-1-F TD-8 S-1-2-3-1-2-3-1-F</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Windward Leeward – Upwind Finish</p> <p>WLU-3 S-1-3-F WLU-5 S-1-3-1-3-F WLU-7 S-1-3-1-3-1-3-F</p>